GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:698
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ASSISTANCE TO GROUNDNUT GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the groundnut crop has been attacked by caterpillar in Challakere, Dodda Ullarthi, Yadalagatti, Kaluvehalli, Mylaahalli, Obalapur, Budnihatti, Nannivala and other places;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government to provide assistance to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Government of Karnataka has informed that Red Headed Hairy Caterpillar infestation was noticed in groundnut crop in 26 Grama Panchayats in 109 villages in Challakere taluka of Chitradurga district. The Department of Agriculture of the State Government took several measures to control this pest including disseminations of information to the affected farmers, organizations of field demonstrations and distribution of subsidized plant protection chemicals.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.